

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes January 7, 2020

Present: John Alves, Richard Wallace, Willit Mason, Dave Sullivan, Priscilla Dunn, Dave Sullivan

Absent: Tim Troiano, Jim Tusino, Historic Commission (vacant)

Guest: Steve Sloan

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Lunch Room at 7:32 by Chair, John Alves.

Minutes from the October 7 meeting were approved 12 as written by those attending that meeting. (Everyone but Richard Wallace)

Reorganization: John nominated Willit Mason for chair. He declined. Susan nominated Priscilla Dunn for clerk. She declined. Both John and Susan were nominated to their present positions and accepted. Richard Wallace will remain as vice-chair.

Town meeting: John said that he should have been better prepared to support the playground article, but the committee in general felt that Parks and Recreation should also be prepared for audience questions.

Lake Street property: Land is owned by the Jhung family who may have additional property for us to consider as they have retired and are downsizing their holdings. The Town has been given the first chance to make an offer. Steve Sloan presented us with property maps including one showing possible uses for recreation, conservation and supporting services (parking, etc.) and one showing wetlands. There is apparently space for 2 soccer and 2 lacrosse fields. Richard said that while we might rent out fields, we couldn't charge more than the cost to the Town. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that we go ahead with an appraisal of the value of the land using CPC administrative funds with a limit of \$3000.00. Jennifer Miller and John Aubin will prepare an application. Steve will solicit a price from Prospectus, an appraisal firm we have used before. Steve will ask Jennifer and John (Conservation and Planning) to draw up an application.

Willit raised the question of possible objections from abutters. It was agreed that we should get advice from Town Council concerning the notification of abutters. Steve left at this point.

New applications: None

Our next meeting will take place after the appraisal. John will notify us of possible times.

Future meetings will be held on Tuesdays.

John will continue to work on a TV 9 television show with help from David.

Susan brought in a file of CPA project signs. She plans to investigate a business in East Providence that made signs for the Rehoboth CPA projects.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent and concluded at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington
Clerk, Seekonk CPC